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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 19 YEARS FOR GUN POSSESSION

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Wallace White, age 25, of Baltimore was sentenced today to 235 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a gun, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. ruled that White was a armed career criminal based on three prior narcotics distribution convictions in state court.

According to trial testimony, Baltimore City police officers observed White on July 6, 2005 walking along Cliftview Avenue in Baltimore holding something heavy in his waistband. The officers stopped White and identified themselves as police. White turned towards the officers' vehicle while raising his shirt and withdrawing a black handgun from his waistband. White fled on foot and an officer gave chase. White cut through a break between two houses where he threw an item to the ground. White was subsequently apprehended. Police officers returned to the site where the item had been thrown and located a loaded magazine. A black handgun was also located within throwing distance of White's path.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Attorneys Stephanie Gallagher, Paul Tiao and Kwame Manley, who prosecuted the case.